

For the Lord himself ...  
with the sound  
of God's trumpet,  
will descend  
from heaven,  
and the dead  
in Christ will  
rise first.

1 Thessalonians 4:16, NRSV

**23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

November 8, 2020

9:30 am Worship Service

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, HANOVER, PA**

Rev. E. Robert Burkhart, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jack R. Hoffman, Pastor Emeritus

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## Announcements

**Presentation of Bibles** (Evangeline Feeser & Christopher Johnson)

### † Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Gracious God,

**Cong.:** have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your gracious Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through Jesus Christ our Lord, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**Cong.:** Amen.

**Psalm:** Psalm 70 (*read responsively*)

<sup>1</sup>Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;  
O LORD, make | haste to help me.

<sup>2</sup>**Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded;  
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune  
draw back and | be disgraced. R**

<sup>3</sup>Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over me  
turn back because | of their shame.

<sup>4</sup>**Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;  
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the  
LORD!"**

<sup>5</sup>But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly,  
O God.

You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, | do not tarry. R

### \* Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

### \* Song

*"Soon and Very Soon"*

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### \* Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

*Response to the prayer:* **C: Amen.**

### First Reading:

L: A reading from Amos 5:18-24  
The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading:**

L: A reading from I Thessalonians 4:13-18  
The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## \* **Gospel:**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 25:1-13

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The Gospel concludes:*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Rotation Faith Formation**

*The pastor will dismiss the PreK through 6th grade children for Children's Sunday School. Please have children wear their masks. Children will return at the end of the service.*

**Sermon**

Pastor Burkhart

## \* **Song**

*"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"*

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## \* **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\***

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## \* **Prayers of the People**

*Each petition ends with these words:*

L: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Response at the conclusion of the prayers: **C: Amen.***

*(Use this time to reflect on your financial and spiritual offerings to God.)*

**\* Offertory Prayer**

L: Let us pray.

Merciful Father,

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\* Communion Prayer**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed ...

**\* The Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**\* Invitation to Communion**

*All baptized believers are welcome to commune. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available.*

**Continuous Communion Distribution**

*Usher will release one row at a time. Please maintain 6ft. distance in the aisle. Wear your mask prior to and following communion. Upon approaching the altar, sanitize your hands. Take a wine cup, refrain from touching other cups. Receive the bread from the Pastor, holding out your open hand, palm up, fingers straight out. The Assistant Minister will pour wine into your cup. Place disposable communion cup in the waste container.*

**\* Blessing**

*Response after the blessing: C: Amen.*

**\* Prayer after Communion**

L: Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**\* Benediction**

*Response: C: Amen.*

\* **Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Response: **C: Thanks be to God.**

*An usher will dismiss one row at a time, first one side of the sanctuary and then the other side; be patient and follow usher guidance. Wear mask until you leave church property. Do not congregate in the building.*

\* **Postlude**

\* Stand if you are able

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**Soon and Very Soon**

1 Soon and ver - y soon  
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
3 No more dy - in' there,  
4 Soon and ver - y soon

soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon

soon and ver - y soon  
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no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon

1, 2, 3

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

*Coda after stanza 4*

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -

jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

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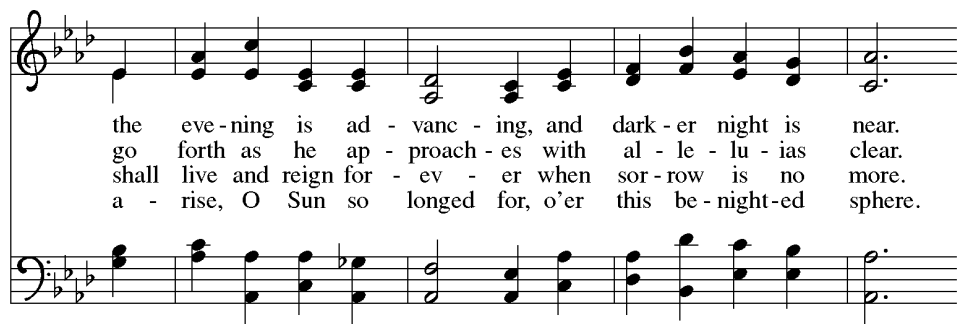
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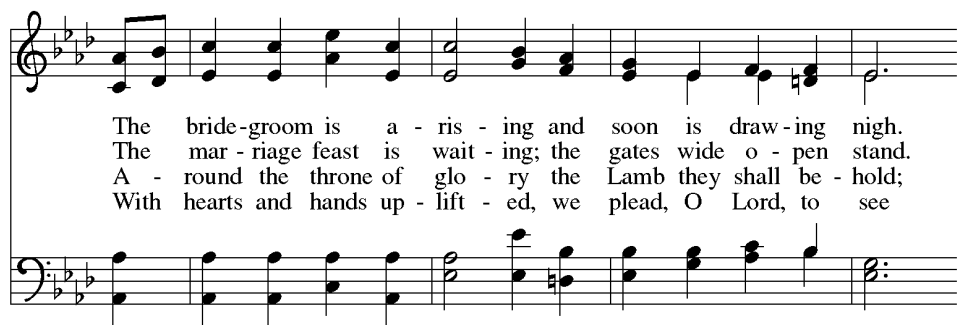
# Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



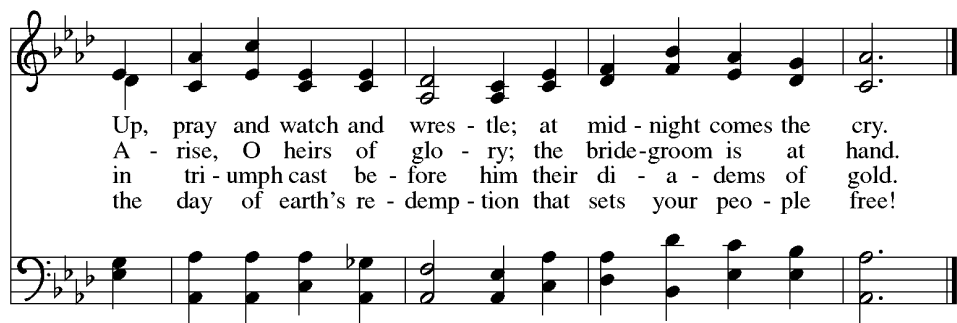
1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;  
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;  
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,  
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.  
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.  
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.  
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.  
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.  
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.  
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.  
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

**WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!** If you are seeking a faith community, exploring faith, desire to be a part of our ministries, or have questions; please feel free to speak with the pastor.

**THE RADIO BROADCAST** is sponsored to the Glory of God by St. Paul's.

**BOTH VASES OF ALTAR FLOWERS** are sponsored to the Glory of God in celebration of Pete and Hazel Lehigh's 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on November 10.

**THE ROSEBUD** is sponsored to the Glory of God in celebration of Pete and Hazel Lehigh's 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on November 10.

**THE COMMUNION BREAD AND WINE** are sponsored to the Glory of God and to wish my loving wife Nancy a happy anniversary on November 5 from Gary Martin.

**THE BULLETINS** are sponsored to the Glory of God in celebration of Gary and Nancy Martin's anniversary on November 5 from their children.

**THE ETERNAL FLAME** is sponsored to the Glory of God in celebration of Gary and Nancy Martin's anniversary on November 5 from their grandchildren.

**SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR:**

Radio – November 15 & 29 (\$60 or any portion you desire)

Flowers – November 15 (1 vase), 22 (2 vases), & 29 (1 vase) (\$20 per vase)

It is the responsibility of the sponsor to take their flowers following worship.

Communion Bread & Wine – November 15 & 29 (\$12)

Bulletins – November 15 (\$20)

Eternal Flame – November 15, 22 & 29 (\$10)

Please contact Sue ([swineholt@comcast.net](mailto:swineholt@comcast.net) or 717-637-5941) in the church office to reserve your special date.

**THANKSGIVING MEALS** will be handed out to those in need in our neighborhood on Saturday, November 21 by R3 and Evangelism. Please see page 4 of your November Evangel for a list of the items needed. ***Please place all donations on the stage in Fellowship Hall by Saturday, November 14***. Volunteers are needed to help pack these boxes. Please contact Bob Colehouse (717-965-1370) to help.

**ALL OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES** must be in by Sunday, November 15, 2020. They need to be delivered to the drop off center that week. Thank you for helping with this project again this year.

**NOVEMBER SPECIAL DESIGNATED** will go to ELCA World Hunger. Please see page 5 of your November Evangel for details.



**THE BOOK CLUB WILL BE MEETING** on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 7:00 pm in St. Paul's Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing "*The Nickel Boys*" by Colson Whitehead. We will also be voting on the books we will read for 2021. Please contact Janet Haack if you need a list of the books.

**CHRISTMAS BLESSING EXPRESS** – We are partnering with New Hope Ministries to provide gifts again this Christmas season. Starting November 15<sup>th</sup> there will be a table on display, at the pulpit entrance to the sanctuary, with place cards. Each place card will have the name of a gift needed. If you could choose a place card and purchase the item and then place the gift in the box provided, you will make a big difference in a person's life. There are items on the cards for infant/toddlers, children, teens, and adults. ***Please do not wrap gifts.*** Please place items in box by Sunday, December 6. They will be taken to New Hope on Monday, December 7. Thank you so much!

**STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET:** "*But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.*" – **Amos 5:24**

Through the prophet Amos, God condemns hollow displays of religiosity. What God desires is action – justice and righteousness – ever-flowing from the hearts of those who love the Lord. Act on your thankfulness this week by working for justice in your community.

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**NADINE BOWMAN WILL BE CELEBRATING HER 88<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY** on November 10. If you would like to send her a card, her address is:

Nadine Bowman  
Arlington Court #17  
Senior Commons at Powder Mill  
1775 Powder Mill Road  
York PA 17403

### **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

Newly hospitalized: Jean Alwine

Hospitalized:

New Additions to the Prayer List: Janet Deatrick, Beth Fissel, Walt Craig, Bill and Jerri, Rolls, Russ Kaltreider

Names to be included on the prayer list should be given to Janet Haack ([jmhaack@comcast.net](mailto:jmhaack@comcast.net) or 717-633-1365). As is always the case, if you have need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Bob directly or through the church office.

**JOB OPENING – SEXTON – ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH – 127 YORK ST, HANOVER PA** – Part-time position. Physical ability to lift/carry up to 25 pounds. Perform full range of cleaning and disinfecting functions. Maintain grounds. Minimum 2 years' experience as janitor or housekeeper. PA Child Abuse Clearances required. Send resume to 127 York St. Hanover PA 17331 or email to [stpaulsyorkst@comcast.net](mailto:stpaulsyorkst@comcast.net). No phone calls.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We need volunteers to perform various vacuuming/dusting tasks in the building and outdoor tasks to maintain appearance and safety. Interested? Contact the office.

	<b><u>November 8</u></b>	<b><u>November 15</u></b>
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Russ Kaltreider	Betty Sheets
<b>Ushers:</b>	Team 1	Team 1
<b>Offering Deposit Team:</b>	Laura Silver	Wayne Butler
	Nancy Smith	Frank Hueske

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday – Thursday – 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Friday – 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

*(Closed 12:00 to 1:00 pm daily for lunch)*

(The church office is open by appointment only. Please call before you come. Only one person, other than staff, is allowed in the office at a time.)

<b>SUN., NOVEMBER 8</b>	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Rotation Faith Formation
	10:30 am	Confirmation Class
<b>MON., NOVEMBER 9</b>	6:30 pm	Girl Scouts
<b>TUES., NOVEMBER 10</b>	9:00 am	Music & Motion
	5:00 pm	Music & Motion
<b>WED., NOVEMBER 11</b>	10:00 am	Music & Motion
	5:00 pm	Kid's Keyboarding
	7:00 pm	Church Council
<b>THURS., NOVEMBER 12</b>	9:00 am	Music & Motion
	5:00 pm	Music & Motion
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Boy Scouts
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>SAT., NOVEMBER 14</b>		Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
	10:00 am	Grocery Ministry
<b>SUN., NOVEMBER 15</b>		December/January Evangel Articles Due
	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Rotation Faith Formation
	10:30 am	Confirmation Class